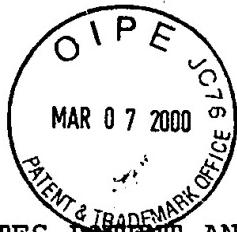


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The listed document is discussed on page 1 of the specification and may be pertinent for the reasons discussed therein. A copy of the listed document is enclosed.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since, to the best of their knowledge, no Office Action has been mailed. However, the

Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessary for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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